

**Supplementary table 1.** Structure of the open patient interviews

<i>Part 1.</i>	Q1	How do you experience having ascites?
<i>Open questions</i>	Q2	How does ascites affect your daily life and functioning?
	Q3	How do you perceive your treatment modalities?
	Q4	Can you describe the three negative symptoms or problems you would like to avoid if possible?
	Q5	Which three symptoms or problems bother you the most?
	Q6	Which three symptoms or problems would you like any treatment to alleviate?
<i>Part 2.</i>	Topics were rated to which extent patients were bothered by them:	
<i>Rating of topics identified in literature</i>	Not at all / a little / quite a bit / very much	
<i>Part 3.</i>	Patients were asked if they would change any of the three negative symptoms or problems they identified in the open part of the interview	
<i>Modification of answers</i>		
<i>Part 4.</i>	The following day the patients were interviewed again and asked if they felt that any issue was missing.	
<i>Missing issues</i>		